Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, William O. "Doc" Farber's own personal belief has always been that dedicated public service is the noblest of the professions; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, "Doc" Farber has put his beliefs into practice by devoting almost all his adult life to public service; and,

Whereas, "Doc" has sought to encourage all in his purview to share the joys and rewards of this commitment by nurturing and feeding the inner flame he saw in his students; and,

Whereas, Generations of students have benefited from the sage wisdom of over a half-century of dedicated teaching and service, well beyond "Doc's" official retirement in 1976; and,

Whereas, Many who have had the privilege of "Doc's" mentoring have gone on to great success in life, and justly credited him with planting and nurturing the seeds of that success; and,

Whereas, On the occasion of his 95th birthday, The University of South Dakota has arranged a special celebration on July 9, 2005, in his honor; and,

Whereas, "Doc" will observe his birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 9, 2005, as

WILLIAM O. "DOC" FARBER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State